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Summary: Former all-star football player and first man at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, to earn a minor in women's studies, Jackson Katz will present "Tough Guise: Violence, Media and the Crisis in Masculinity" in a January 18 convocation.

(December 19, 2005)-Former all-star football player and the first man at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, to earn a minor in women's studies, Jackson Katz will be the next speaker to address the Convocation Series at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Katz will present "Tough Guise: Violence, Media and the Crisis in Masculinity" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, in Edson Auditorium at UMM.

Katz, who has trained thousands of professional, collegiate and high school student-athletes in gender violence prevention, brings a unique and compelling perspective to the subject of rape, sexual harassment and abuse in college dating relationships. Programming on the issue has traditionally focused on women. Katz is one of the few prominent national leaders who has successfully drawn men into the conversations. One of his basic tenants is that the only way to truly prevent most violence is to redefine the very idea of what it means to be a man, and to engage men and women in that effort.

He holds a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where his research concentration was the social construction of violent masculinities through sports and media. He is currently a doctoral student at the University of California at Los Angeles.

All CAC convocation events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the North and West campus parking lots. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request. Please call the disabilities coordinator at UMM, (320) 589-6178.

This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Residential Life, Peer Health Grant, the UMM Campus Activities Council, Violence Prevention Program and Commission on Women, Athletics, and Campus Police.

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